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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS

Jefferson City, MO

March 28, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynthia Andrews, DO
Doug Randall, EMT-P
Mark Alexander, EMT-P
Randall Davis, EMT-P
Judith Landvatter, RN
Ruby Mehrer, RN
Randall Davis, EMT-P
Randall Sammons, EMT-P
David Tan, MD
Vicki Groce, EMT-P
Roger Huckfeldt, MD
Joan Eberhardt, RN

GUESTS

Wayne Sanders
Ralph Lee
Monroe Yancie
Joan Drake
Jay Simons
Steve Bassett
Ralph Hellebush
Patty Parrish
Ken Koch
Paul Guptill
Don Crosby
Richard Cottner
Charlene Jansen
Taz Meyer
Jim Murray
Bob Patterson

DHSS STAFF PRESENT

Lorie Holtmeier, RN
Shirley Gastler, EMT-P
Beverly Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason White
Craig Armstrong
Carol Nierling
Kandi Sagenhorn
Bob Abrams
William Pearman
Tracy Rogers
Tim Flake
DJ Satterfield
Helen Sandkuhl
Tony Mitchell
Charles Andrus
Jim McGee
Elsa Tuttell
Kathryn Patterson
Andrew Spain

Wanda Roling, RN
Bill Jermyn, DO

Call to Order

Dr. Tan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Council voted to approve the minutes from the February meeting as printed.

Legislative Committee

Mark Alexander commented that EMS days at the capital went well. Chuck Prior met with members of the legislative committee about the committee's desire to support the Unit of EMS, but not the splitting of the Unit. Some of the members went to the Governor's office this morning and pointed out that they are in favor of funding the Unit of EMS, and that it is known that the federal funds will eventually go away. Fees were discussed at the last meeting, and the Governor's office will limit fees to only the amount not covered by the block grant. Proposal that a special sub-committee of SAC, made up of representatives from MAA, Fire Services, Trauma & Education Subcommittees, ADAM, MEMSA etc. Point to consider is that every entity needs to send someone to the table officially and dedication of these members is crucial. A point was made that a united voice from the legislative committee themselves would carry more clout at the capital, than forming one more committee. Dr. Tan reminds everyone to make sure that the Sunshine Law is not impinged upon.

Discussed the impact of #37 on the Governor's Review Commission, the relocation of licensing of EMS personnel to professional registration. General consensus is that relocation is not in the best interest of EMS personnel, and that proposed relocation could do more harm than good.

Air Ambulance

Will meet at 11:30 today, at the MEMSA office located at 425 E. High Street. At the last meeting Dr. Jermyn shared his vision for EMS. Discussion focused on 4 main issues, which were revision of how air ambulances communicate with each other when they aren't flying due to weather conditions, mandating weather conditions, standardization of terms and early activation across the state, and how to decrease competitiveness.

Pediatric

Dinner meeting was canceled due to lack of RSVP. Next meeting will be today immediately following SAC meeting. Focus will be on coalition building activities, performance measures, voluntary recognition for "peds friendly" services, budget issues, and new AHA guidelines for peds patients.

Kansas City Region

Met March 6th, and Dr Jermyn shared his vision for EMS. Jason White gave a legal update, and a CME offering was presented. Continue to work on "White Paper" for distribution to DHSS. This region has decided to remove "Kansas City" from its name and be known from this date forward as "Region A". A legal structure is under development and Bi-monthly meetings will continue. Committee attendance is growing and the next meeting will be held at the I-70 Medical Center in Sweet Springs on May 8th.

Central

Met March 27th. Have expanded tele-health group to include Midland now. Nominations are now being submitted for officers. Continued work on a resource manual and educational offerings will be continued at each meeting.

Southwest Region

Have not met since January, but will meet on April 14th. Nominations for committee chair being accepted.

St. Louis

Will meet this Friday at 1 PM. Will hold co-chair election, discuss newly renamed “East Central Region’s” mission and goals, and offer educational opportunities.

Northwest Region

Representative from Medicare present to discuss ambulance billing issues. Introduction of two new medical directors, and new committee members were made. Discussion about legislative issues and ICE conference coming in April held.

Southeast Region

No report.

911

No report.

Trauma

Met this morning before SAC. Continue work on changes to the trauma system, and draft is done. Continuing to discuss possible sources for funding. Members of this subcommittee will meet with Senator Wheeler today.

Education

No report.

Old Business

Andrew Wankum is writing “enabling legislation” and the deadline for submission has been moved up to June. A request that regions begin to combine some meetings if possible. Trauma regulations will go back to administration hopefully in April. If the regions send copies of their meeting minutes to Greg or Paula, they can be published on the website. Reminder that all open notices MUST be publicly posted 24 hours in advance of all open meetings, therefore all committees need to have their open notices in to Cindy well in advance, so that she can get them submitted for approval and posting in the allocated time frame.

New Business

None at this time.

Next Meeting

Will be held April 17th in coordination with the ICE conference to be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons.

Adjourn

Dr. Tan adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

David Tan, MD